



**A SERVICE OF THE WORD  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

*The service commences at 10.55am*



*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.  
Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.  
Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping  
Contact Tracing Records  
it is essential that you complete the following information.  
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when you leave at the end of the service.  
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Thank you.*

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**Music before the service:** *Elegy Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*



## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



*Please stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy.*

*At 10.57am the Dean welcomes the congregation.*

### **THE GREETING:**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*

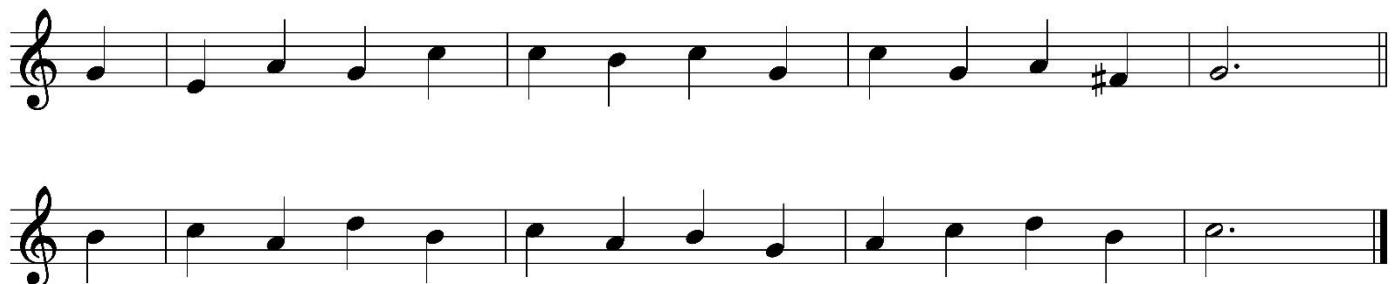
### **A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION**

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day: fulfil in them the purposes of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*11.00am – 2 Minute Silence.*

*Please remain standing to sing the **HYMN (ICH 537):***

*(Members of the congregation are welcome to sing hymns quietly while still wearing face coverings)*



**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*Tune: ST ANNE William Croft (1678-1727)*

## **PENITENCE**

Let us confess to God, the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his peoples.

*Please kneel or sit in silence.*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved your with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**



*Please be seated for the* **FIRST READING:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **PSALM: 130** (chant by Sir Henry Walford Davies 1869-1941)*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well:

the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:

    O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee:

    therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him:

    in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord:

    before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:

    and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel:

    from all his sins.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

    Glory be to the Father:

        and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

    world without end. Amen.

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *by the Dean's Vicar*

Please sit as the choir sings the **ANTHEM**: They shall not grow old *Douglas Guest (1916-96)*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

Please stand and face east for the **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the **Father** almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in **Jesus Christ**, God's only **Son**, our **Lord**, who was conceived by the **Holy Spirit**, born of the **Virgin Mary**, suffered under **Pontius Pilate**, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the **Father**, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the holy catholic **Church**, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**.

Please remain standing to sing the **HYMN** (*ICH 533*), during which the members of the wreath laying party move to the War Memorial Lectern:



**God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour.**

**See how hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, attack his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage  
for the living of these days.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore.**

**Cure your children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and pure in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

*Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)*

*Tune: RHUDDLAN Welsh traditional melody from E. Jones' Musical Relics of the Welsh Bards (1800)*



## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**



Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memories we treasure, and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

*Wreaths are laid.*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

*Last Post is sounded*

*Silence.*

*Reveille is sounded*

When you go home tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow we gave our today.



**God save our gracious Queen,  
long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us;  
God save the Queen.**

*Please remain standing for the* **PRAYERS OF COMMEMORATION AND COMMITMENT:**

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you the lives of those lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations:

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

*The members of the wreath laying party return to their places.*

*Please sit as the choir sings the* **ANTHEM:** Lord, thou hast been our refuge *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*



Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the  
world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.  
Thou turnest man to destruction;  
again thou sayest  
Come again ye children of men;  
For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday,  
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep  
and fade away suddenly like the grass.  
In the morning it is green and groweth up,  
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure,  
and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.  
For when Thou art angry att our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told:  
so passeth it away and we are gone  
The years of our age are three score years and ten,  
and though men be so strong that they come to four score years,  
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.  
Turn Thee again O Lord at the last.  
Be gracious unto Thy servants.  
O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon.  
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the  
world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us.  
O prosper Thou the work of our hands,  
O prosper Thou our handiwork.



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



*Please kneel or sit to pray.*

*Congregational Response*

May God give peace; **God, give peace.**

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service: bless all who care for the sick, and those suffering from or recovering from Coronavirus. Give your strength to all who work in nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. Continue to protect our communities in this new wave of infection we pray, and give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church and society for leading us forward. This we ask in the name of the one who spent himself in service of others with no thought for himself, even our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

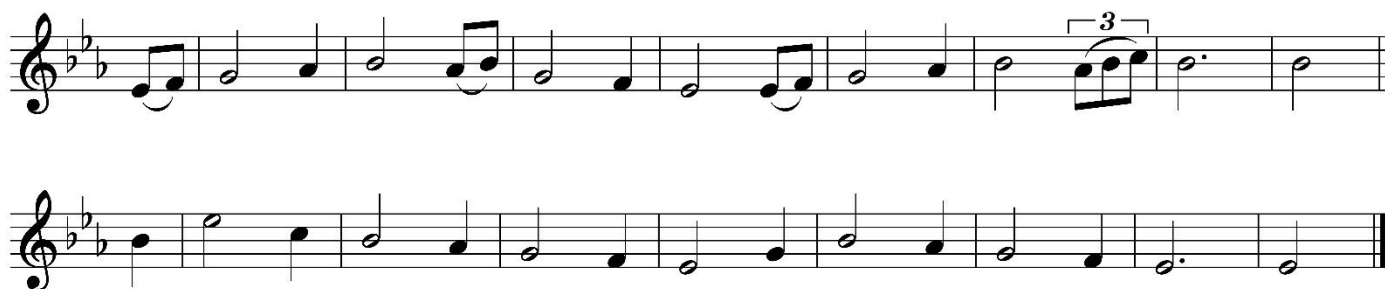
**for ever and ever. Amen.**



## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand for the **HYMN (ICH 536)**:



**Lord, while for all the world we pray,**

**of every clime and coast,**

**O hear us for our native land,**

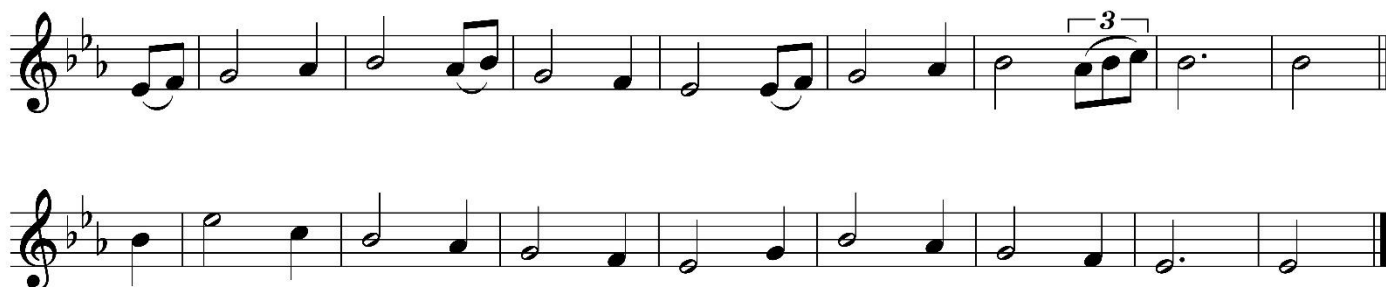
**the land we love the most.**

**O guard our shores from every foe;**

**with peace our borders bless;**

**with prosperous times our cities crown,**

**our fields with plenteousness.**



**In love of knowledge, truth, and God  
may we united be;  
and let our hills and valleys shout  
the songs of liberty.**

**Lord of the nations, thus to you  
our country we commend;  
O be her refuge and her trust,  
her everlasting friend.**

*Words: John R. Wreford (1800-81)*

*Tune: ST COLUMBA (2) Irish traditional melody*

## **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the clergy depart, and sit for the **Organ Voluntary:***

*Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934), arranged by Robert Gower.*

*Please remain seated until the end of the Voluntary, and exit in rows from the back to the front, as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.*



We are pleased that flower arrangements are being placed in the cathedral once more. The arrangement today was donated by Phyllis Watson in memory of her parents.



## NOTICES



5.30pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

You are invited to attend

**A Choral Evensong to mark the Launch of  
“Lives Reflected, Acknowledging the Impact of Covid 19”**

in the presence of the Bishop of Connor.

Launching Belfast Cathedral’s On-line Book of Remembrance for those who  
have died in Northern Ireland since 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020.

**Advent and Christmas Carol Services at Belfast Cathedral**

Due to Coronavirus Regulations the seating capacity of the cathedral is  
restricted to 150 people per service in the Nave.

For this reason allocated Seating for those attending the Advent and Christmas  
Carol Services must be pre-booked by sending an e-mail request to  
[admin@belfastcathedral.org](mailto:admin@belfastcathedral.org)

Members of the Cathedral Congregation and Cathedral Choir are being given  
**Priority Booking**. However you must submit your on-line booking request  
**by 4pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.**

After this date, seats will be made available to the general public.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020  
Advent Carol Service at 6.00pm**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.  
Cathedral Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 7.30pm**

This year, due to the restrictions, there will be no Service of Midnight Holy  
Communion on Christmas Eve.

However there will be a

**Festival Choral Eucharist for Christmas Morning  
at Belfast Cathedral starting at 11.00am.**

Seating for this service will be on a first come, first served basis on the day.

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